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### STUDYING THE BOX TURTLE.

While collecting insects in woods at Orient, Oct. 8, 1916, I met an unusual, large, handsome male box turtle *Cistudo carolina*. The plastron measured six and a half by five inches. The head and neck exceptionally bright orange.

Placing the animal on the sand in a small clearing, I reclined under a shrub oak to study procedure. Shortly the splendid head and neck were erected and held in a steady gaze. Presently a rustling was heard among the dry leaves to one side, which gradually drew nearer. Finally the upstretched neck and shell of a smaller male box turtle appeared in view at the margin of the clearing 12 feet from the powerful specimen, which had remained absolutely motionless, but staring intensely at the new arrival. The small one advanced 4 feet, then paused, then another 4 feet venture and another pause. At the last pause, which was 4 feet from the first individual, the big fellow suddenly rushed at the new-comer with open mouth and grabbed it by the nape with such force as to roll it over on the side. It held the head to the ground for about 2 minutes, while the victim struggled unsuccessfully to draw its head within the shell. Releasing its hold, it actually climbed over the conquered foe and walked rapidly away. It had traveled 10 feet when the small one hurried directly after it. The leader paused every few feet in the usual manner, but the other continued without halting till it was 2 feet in the rear. Thereafter it was very alert and copied perfectly every start and pause of the leader, which, evidently, was in ignorance of its shadower. I watched this interesting bit of wild life for 60 feet, when the head animal disappeared into thick cover, leaving the rear tortoise gazing ahead in a puzzled, undecided quandary. It finally turned and came directly by the writer, while passing about 3 feet to one side. I talked loudly, whistled and sought to arrest its attention by mouth, while remaining perfectly motionless, but without success. However, the slight raising of one arm caused the head to be drawn suddenly into the shell with alarm.

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